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Subject: RE: Draft Basin Plan Ammendment: Comment by the Santa Rosa Chamberof Commerce

I must have been in holiday mode when I drafted the letter - I just realized that the phone number given below is my home phone. It will work but I am almost never there during business hours. If you have any questions, 568-5365 or E-mail will reach me more directly during work hours.

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From: Chris Lynch [mailto:ChrisL@santarosachamber.com]
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Regional Water Quality Control Board

5550 Skylane Boulevard, Suite A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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Re: Draft Basin Plan Amendment to Establish Exception Criteria to the Point Source Waste Discharge Prohibitions by Revising the Action Plan for Storm Water Discharges and Adding a New Action Plan for Low Threat Discharges

The Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce represents 1100 business owners and around 30,000 employees in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County. The Chamber has established Water Policy Principles, including:

- * Support initiatives that move toward resolving environmental water issues in a manner that is practicable and achievable, using science-based solutions that balance environmental stewardship, human sustainability and economic vitality.

In light of our established policies, the Chamber's Environmental Committee has considered the proposed Basin Plan Amendment to Establish Exception Criteria to the Point Source Waste Discharge Prohibitions by Revising the Action Plan for Storm Water Discharges and Adding a New Action Plan for Low Threat Discharges (BPA), and we offer our comments.

The proposed Low Threat BPA successfully addresses conflicts between regional and statewide permits and the Basin Plan prohibitions that have impeded environmental projects, including water recycling. We concur with the Staff Report conclusion that the proposed Low Threat BPA will provide a higher degree of water quality protection by acknowledging that these low threat discharges exist and providing a regulatory program that allows the discharges to occur under prescribed conditions. We believe that sustainable economic development depends on a healthy, sustainable environment and support the Low Threat BPA because it represents a reasonable solution to an important regulatory issue.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Jane Rozga at 707-544-8738.

Sincerely,
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Carl Campbell

